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## AFL Convention Planning Powerful Political League to Combat Labor Enemies in Election

### SEEK WAY OUT FOR FEDERAL UNIONS ON AFFIDAVIT; LOSS OF JOSEPH PADWAY MOURNED

AFL's 66th annual convention swung into its second week on Monday with practically all important business yet to be transacted, including a supplementary report of the Executive Council urging the immediate formation of "Labor's Educational and Political League."

Last week's activities, although largely routine speeches and presentation of resolutions, were nevertheless marked by two dramatic developments:

1. The NLRB by a 4-to-1 vote overruled Czar Denham's stand requiring top AFL officials to sign non-Communist affidavits. This action cleared away the most controversial issue of the convention, leaving each international union free to sign or not to sign. John L. Lewis had balked at signing, thus preventing the entire AFL from doing business with NLRB. Only issue remaining was how 300,000 members of AFL federal unions would be affected. Latest reports indicate the convention may revise its constitution, eliminating the 13 vice-presidents and re-naming them "Executive Council members." This would open the NLRB door to federal unions if they wish to use it.

2. Death of Joseph Padway, AFL general counsel. Padway literally gave his life to the cause, being stricken in the midst of a typically fighting speech. His death, at 56, came after some illness in the past few months, and brought expressions of regret from President Truman and many labor and industrial leaders throughout the U.S. He had become one of the most colorful and effective figures among top AFL leaders.

Still more resolutions came in during the week, bringing the total to about 180, and these will be acted upon this week. A number of significant actions are demanded in these resolutions, and they will largely determine the course of the AFL in the coming year.

A host of distinguished speakers appeared before the convention. Summaries of their views will be given in later issues.

Major issues before the convention are the Taft-Hartley law, its strangling effect upon union activities, and a vast program of educational and political activities designed to remedy this legislation and its cause, and, secondly, the matter of high prices and the reduced wages they bring. Although there is no indication yet that the AFL will request increased wages, several approaches to the problem are being developed and they may bring interesting results during the week.

### South Africa Also Installs "Iron Curtain"

CAPTOWN.—The government of the Union of South Africa recently barred representatives of several progressive groups from visiting Southwest Africa, which the Union government is seeking to annex. Reports reaching here say that a meeting of representatives of an important Southwest African tribe has voted against annexation. Feeling is widespread here that the Union government fears word of this opposition will reach the United Nations which is currently debating the question of annexation.

### Another Test Case Of Anti-Picketing Law Goes to Court

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—A second test case of anti-picketing provisions of the newly-enacted Missouri anti-labor law has been filed in state supreme court here.

The case came before the court by application for a writ of habeas corpus to release Melvin Levan, secretary of a St. Louis local of the AFL barbers union. Levan was arrested after picketing a barber shop where there was no dispute between the employer and his employees. Such picketing is forbidden by the law.

The writ was granted, as was a similar writ obtained previously in a case involving secondary picketing by Sec. Arthur Hunn of the St. Louis Building Trades Council.

### Labor Movement Is Mourning Loss of Joseph A. Padway

Death of Joseph A. Padway, veteran general counsel of the American Federation of Labor, came as a distinct shock to the delegates of the 66th convention in San Francisco and to the American labor movement in general. Padway was



JOSEPH A. PADWAY

stricken in the midst of an important speech on the Taft-Hartley Act on the third day of the convention and was unable to finish his prepared address. He died shortly afterward in a San Francisco hospital.

Just before he was stricken, Padway issued a blunt warning that the AFL may be compelled to disregard government injunctions and "accept whatever consequences may follow." Deviating from his prepared text, the grey-haired legal advisor declared that "we are on the threshold of government by injunction."

Almost on the heels of his warning, and before he was able to proceed with an analysis of the Taft-Hartley Act, the 56-year-old Padway collapsed and was led from the speakers' stand. Earlier, reviewing state anti-labor legislation which is now in effect in 30 states (an increase of 18 since 1943), Padway said that court tests had been initiated covering all the major issues. Appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court will cover all aspects of the various laws and a comprehensive decision may be expected. The Supreme Court, he said, "may not be impressed with one case or with one angle of the subject, but by submitting various issues arising out of the anti-closed shop laws, we expect to make a most emphatic presentation of our views."

Thus the famed legal spokesman for the AFL ended his career, having started in motion the legal machinery which will carry Labor's case to the nation's highest court.

### Why Unionists Rebel Against That Affidavit

DETROIT.—"Maybe we can shed a little light on the refusal of many anti-Communists to sign the non-Communist loyalty pledge required of union officials who want to use the new NLRB," says the Detroit Labor News (AFL). "For one thing they object to being asked to swear they are innocent before anybody had accused them of being guilty. They might feel better about the situation if employers had to swear that they were not connected with the Ku Klux Klan, Christian-Americans, Inc., or Gerald L. K. Smith's outfit."

### FISH CANNERS ELECTION SET OCT. 29; FEW CONTESTS DUE

Few contests are due in the coming election of Fish Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific at Monterey, a report on nominations for the October 29 balloting indicates. Most incumbent officers are without opposition and in a number of cases no nominees are listed for the Executive Board, which includes two persons from each cannery.

Joseph Perry and John Wheat are seeking the presidency. The rest of the ballot includes:

For President — Joseph Perry, Wheat.

For Vice-President — Tony Alves.

For Secretary-Treasurer — Roy Humbrecht.

For Recording Secretary — Shirley Williams.

For Business Agent — Lester A. Caveny.

For Sergeant-at-Arms — Joseph Freitas.

For Trustees (3 trustees and 2 alternates) — Tony Alves, Walter Owens, George Moore, Frank Horn, John Wheat.

For Executive Board: (1 woman and 1 man from each cannery) — Aeneas: No nominees.

Atlantic Coast Fisheries: Raymond Perry, Mamie Irwin.

California Frozen Fish Co.: Ruby Murray.

Calif. Packing Corporation: Joseph Perry, Elsie Wakelield.

Carmel Cannery Company: Marian Caveny, Al Leuschner.

Edgewater Packing Company: Jack Corraia.

Enterprise Packers: Emil Miljus, Grace Hamilton.

Hovden's: John Rosa, Charles Gilbert, Cora Phillips, Virginia Serano, Clara Dommer.

Monterey Canning Co.: No nominees.

Oxnard Cannery: George Moore, Pete Hidalgo.

Peninsula Packing Co.: Walter Owens.

San Carlos Canning Co.: Tony Alves, Lillian Carskaddon.

San Xavier Fish Packing Co.: Tony Carskaddon.

Sea Beach Packing Company: No nominees.

Sun Harbor Packing Company: James O. Williams, Pearl Pendergrass, Leo Dorman.

Western Fish Products: No nominees.

Del Vista Packing Company: No nominees.

Lucido Fisheries: No nominees.

Magnolia Packing Company: No nominees.

Ronda Fisheries: No nominees.

Seaside Processing Co.: No nominees.

Western Sardine Products: No nominees.

For Delegates to Fish Council: (3 delegates and 2 alternates) — John Wheat, Tony Alves, Dwight Campbell, Frank Horn, Marian Caveny, Ruby Murray, Lillian Carskaddon.

For Board of Arbitration and Adjudication: (3 delegates and 2 alternates) — Tony Alves, Marian Caveny, Emil Miljus, Hannah McDermaid, Walter Owens.

For Delegates to Central Labor Council: (3 delegates and 2 alternates) — Joe Wheeler, Joe Perry, Tony Alves, John Rosa, Dwight Campbell, Marian Caveny, Frank Horn.

### Sardines Coming Into Monterey Via Truck Lines

Monterey's famed "Cannery Row" showed signs of coming to life last week as big refrigerated trucks began bringing in sardines from southern areas where the sardines are "running."

Union officials said Sea Beach and San Carlos plants are trying the truck-hauling method to bring in sardines, since all efforts to locate sardines in nearby waters have failed.

San Xavier cannery continued to pack albacore last week, a big run of these fish having come into Monterey Bay to avoid the storm.

### STATE OFFICIAL COVERS DISTRICT

Anthony Agrillo, vice president of the California State Federation of Labor for this district, made a tour of the district last Friday, visiting union officials to discuss local problems.

In Santa Cruz, Watsonville and Monterey he made numerous contacts. At Salinas, he was unable to make many contacts but said he would return at a later date.

### Americans Not Best Fed; New Zealanders Shown Ahead of Us

WASHINGTON.—Although most Americans smugly believe they are not only the richest, but also the best fed people on earth, the fact is they are far down the line in the nutritional value of food consumption.

This bubble bursting is proven in an article in the October issue of the American magazine which places New Zealand as the best fed nation and shows that only one third of the U. S. population gets all the necessary food elements in its diet. Another third, the article says, actually suffers from hunger. In per capita consumption of milk and milk products, the U. S. ranks thirteenth, while it is twelfth in protein consumption, animal and vegetable.

In meat consumption America ranks sixth among the nations of the world, while Australia, Uruguay, the Argentine, New Zealand and Paraguay all eat more. The reason for the poor U. S. showing? "Low income," according to Executive Director Fred Bailey of the Natl. Agricultural Research, Inc., author of the article.

### CULINARY UNIONS IN AREA HONOR INTERNATIONAL HEADS

International Union officers of the Culinary and Bartender unions were in the Monterey Bay district last week and were paid tribute by officials and members of local unions of the crafts, who gave a banquet in honor of the officers.

President Hugo Ernst and Secretary-Treasurer Ed S. Miller of the International Union, along with Pacific Coast Organizer C. T. McDonough, were paid tribute at a dinner at the Casa Munras Hotel in Monterey last Friday.

Host unions were Local 345 of Santa Cruz County, Albert Judd, president, and Mildred Rowe, secretary; Local 467, of Salinas, C. T. McDonough, president, and Bertha Boles, secretary; Local 483, of Monterey, Harvey Rose, president, and George L. Rice, secretary, and Local 545, of Salinas, William Harmon, president, and Pete C. Bales-

tra, secretary.

Attending the dinner were: From Local 345 — Mrs. Rowe, Reba Daugherty, Buck Cursi, Barbara Cursi, Robert Shinn, Harry Parry, Marguerite Embury, Joe Dingman, Paul Wallace and James K. McMillan.

From Local 467 — Bertha Boles and Gertrude McGraw.

From Local 545 — Pete Balestra and others.

### NEW YORKER, A.F.L. DELEGATE, TELLS OF CULINARY GROWTH

One big field of service workers is well on its way toward complete organization, influencing many related fields of work into unionism by its example in improved wage, hours, conditions and worker-security. This is the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, which now has well over 300,000 members.

Interesting comments on the growth of bonafide unionism in this field were given by a delegate to the A.F.L. convention in San Francisco, by David Siegal, president of "Times Square Local 16," a flourishing 6500-member unit of New York City's 50,000 organized workers in this union.

Typifying the modern, enlightened, democratic type of labor leader, Bro. Siegal expounds the philosophy of "an organization of, for, and by the members" that is permeating and building genuine labor organizations in the East as well as throughout the U.S.

"We are envious of the fine organization built by years of effort and with such leaders as Bro. Hugo Ernst here in San Francisco, and we would have been much farther along in New York had we started earlier and with an Ernst in our midst, but our Manhattan growth in the past eight years is nevertheless nothing to be ashamed of," Bro. Siegal said.

Bro. Ernst, now president of the international union and formerly its secretary-treasurer, comes from San Francisco and is widely known among west coast members in the trade for his congenial, sincere, and capable handling of union affairs.

N.Y. CLEANS HOUSE  
"We started out back in the late thirties with a condition in which workers in our trade received no pay, lived on tips. They were exploited by their employers and by their own labor leaders. Since then, with the help of Tom Dewey and others this corrupt situation has been cleaned out."

"Today we have clean unionism, organizations controlled by their members. The pay scale has been built up to a \$26 minimum for restaurant workers, plus meals and tips, and to \$56 and \$61 for bartenders. We have a strong welfare-insurance fund to which employers contribute monthly for each member employed."

NO T.H. BUT ANTI-BOSSES  
One of the few unions not concerned with the Taft-Hartley law, the Culinary and Bartenders Union is nevertheless faced with anti-unionism by big employers and state laws designed to hurt unions. New York is unusually free of such laws, however, Bro. Siegal reports.

The craft is now embarking upon a big educational campaign based on the Gompers tradition of "reward your friends and defeat your enemies," regardless of political affiliation. New York is unique in that it has, besides the traditional Democratic and Republican, a Liberal and an American Labor party.

Bro. Siegal paid high tribute to Culinary and Bartender Unions in San Francisco and other California cities, saying he had visited many of them and observed the high degree of effective unionism that they demonstrate. With this sort of progress, along with that in New York and other sections of the country, this union is setting the pace for a better life for the service workers of America.

### Beer Distributor Signs With Temos

The Tri-Counties Distributing Co., distributors of Rainier beer and other products in the Santa Cruz and Monterey counties area, has signed a union agreement with Sales and Delivery Teamsters 296, reports Business Agent Thomas Brett.

Brett said the firm signed the standard union agreement.

### To Apologize to Taft For Union Picketers

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Harry P. Cain (R., Wash.) told newsmen he planned to apologize publicly to Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) and Mrs. Taft for the picketing of Taft's meeting at Seattle by organized labor. Cain said "a few communists" were responsible.

### ADA Calls for Price Controls, Rationing Now

WASHINGTON.—Declaring that the proposals "announced by the President following his meeting with congressional leaders falls tragically short of the demands of a world crisis," Americans for Democratic Action called for an immediate special session and the "reinstitution of rationing and price control."

Chairman Leon Henderson issued the statement on behalf of ADA and characterized the Truman program as one of "postponement as we approach the deadline of disaster."

(Another former administration man, Harold Ickes, commented on the new "eat less" program by saying Americans were being asked to buy cheaper cuts of meat on the theory that "if the people who can afford to buy the more expensive cuts do not buy them, they will be bought by the hungry people to buy them. Nothing more foolish could be suggested by a 'leadership' that does not know whence it has come or whither it is going.")

BAD TIME TABLE  
The ADA statement said "the President and the leaders have eloquently described the crisis. But their time table belies their words." In calling for the immediate imposition of rationing and price controls, ADA warned that "voluntary methods are not enough . . . they may even intensify inequality of sacrifice."

"We must act swiftly and boldly if we are to make good our promise to backstop Europe with even a temporary dolo. Such action does not lessen the need for speedy implementation of the broader, long range provisions of the Marshall plan. We must see the job through to the end. Meanwhile, we must demonstrate to the world that we are ready to begin."

'DEADLINE OF DISASTER'  
ADA declared that Congress must return to "meet the challenge on both the foreign and domestic fronts . . . We have maintained that the hungry voices of Europe where both political and economic chaos is imminent, demand action within days—not weeks or months."

"If an American outpost were bombed, this nation would not tolerate timidity and caution. Political disagreement would be swiftly resolved. Any counsel of retreat would be rejected by the American people."

"The call for action today is not for war, but for peace."

"But our national strategy is postponement as we approach the deadline of disaster," ADA declared.

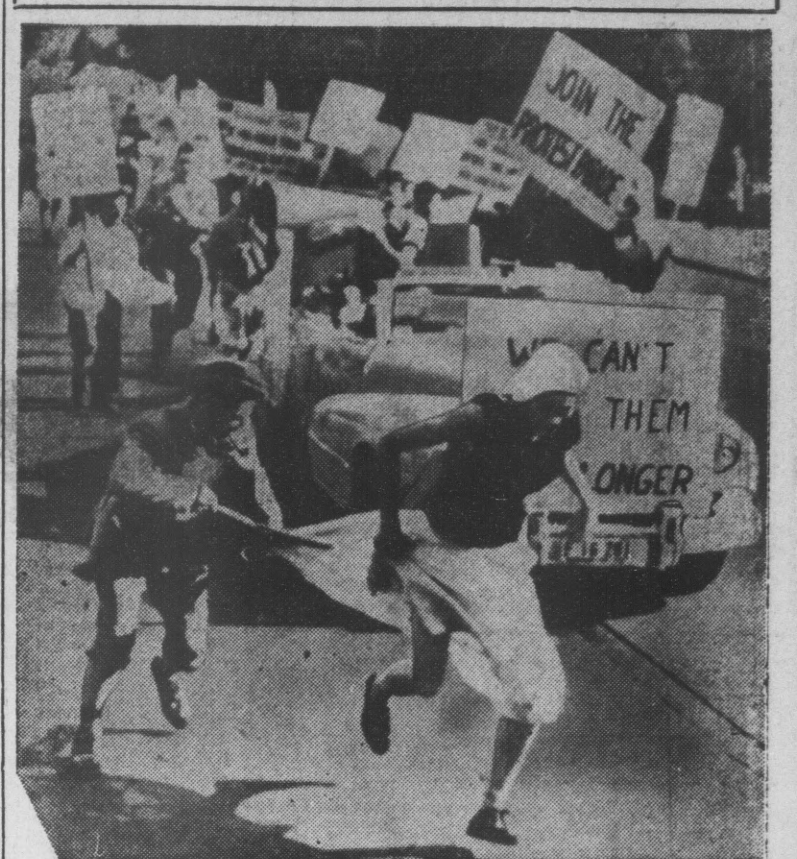
### San Diego Teamsters Convert Penalty to An Incentive Bonus

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Proposed penalties were converted into incentive bonuses by six taxicab companies to avert a strike of more than 400 members of Local 481, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL).

Complaining that the drivers were taking too many unauthorized leaves of absence, the employers sought to punish them by forcing them to work at undesirable times and on broken-down vehicles.

But the union wouldn't swallow this, so the companies offered a 2% bonus over commissions running from 52% to 45% to drivers with good attendance records. The membership snapped this up.

### THEY WON'T STAY LONG!



Students at the University of Washington staged this demonstration against the current long skirt trend. Bearing placards reading "We Can't Stand Them Any Longer," they chased their female attired brothers clipping skirts catch as catch can. Many women are boycotting the new style since prices keep pace with length—and they're getting worse all the time. (Federated Pictures)

### CALIFORNIA LABOR WINS BIG VICTORY AS "HOT CARGO" LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—A great victory was achieved by labor in California and throughout the country when the California Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, declared unconstitutional the "Hot Cargo" Act, which was passed by the California Legislature in 1941 as a war measure and reenacted this year as permanent legislation. This decision culminates the long campaign waged by the California State Federation of Labor in opposition to this measure from the time of its enactment and at every subsequent step.

The majority opinion written by Associate Justice Jesse W. Carter was concurred in by Chief Justice Phil S. Gibson and Associate Justices Roger B. Traynor and B. Roy Schauer. Associate Justice Homer R. Spence's separate opinion was concurred in by Associate Justice Douglas L. Edmonds, while Associate Justice John W. Shenk dissented.

The effect of the decision was to release W. T. Blaney, Los Angeles union representative, who was found guilty of contempt and sentenced to jail for a violation of a Superior Court injunction against picketing.

For some time after the "Hot Cargo" Act went into effect it was not resorted to by anti-labor employers, but finally they began to file suits up and down the state to prevent the boycott and picketing of unfair materials or products. As the cases came up, they were defended by the counsel for the State Federation of Labor. When judgment was given by a Superior Court to the effect that the law was unconstitutional and, therefore, could not prevent the picketing of unfair products, the employers never took the case to the State Supreme Court on appeal.

REASONS GIVEN  
The reasoning of the State Supreme Court's majority opinion is very clear:  
First, publicizing a labor dispute

The initiation of this campaign was decided upon by action of the last two conventions of the California State Federation of Labor. The proposed initiative measure, to be titled and placed on the 1948 ballot through obtaining the required number of valid signatures, will be submitted to the delegates assembled, for their opinions. Since this will mark the beginning of one of the most important campaigns which the labor movement in California has been called upon to wage, it is vitally important that all the councils send representatives to the conference.

### The Consumer Merry-Go Round

Prices on choice cuts of meat have dropped slightly, due to consumer resistance.

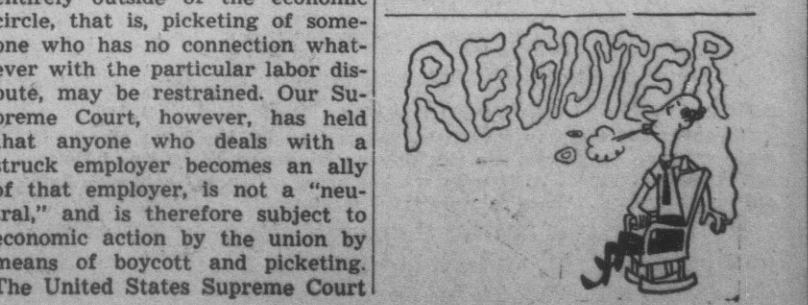
People have instead switched to buying cheaper cuts of meat.

As a result, prices on cheaper cuts are going up.

So lots of consumers are deciding they might as well buy the choice cuts.

Which means prices on choice cuts will start rising again.

This is an example of the law of supply and demand, which the National Association of Manufacturers wants us to love, honor and BUY.





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## WHY HIGH FOOD COSTS?

Who's to blame for the high cost of grub? Some say we're exporting too much since the war, but that isn't true. During the war in 1944 we exported 9 per cent of our food, but now we are exporting only 8 per cent. Some say the same thing about meat—that we are exporting more, and this isn't true either. In 1944 we exported 721,000 tons. During the last year ending June 30 we exported only 224,000 tons.

Some say we're eating too much. Research shows for one thing that we're eating fewer eggs than we did in 1945. Certainly most people are eating less meat—because they can't afford very much of it.

Some say the farmer is to blame, yet figures show that, compared with two years ago, the farmer is getting 9 per cent less for butter, 19 per cent less for oranges, 9 per cent less for beef.

Some say wage-earners are to blame, that wages are too high. Well, workers in meat packing plants got an 8-cents-an-hour hike this year, but meat went up from 40 to 50 cents a pound.

The real culprits in this food cost picture are the manufacturers, processors, distributors, freight carriers, and speculators. Apple growers in California have received as little as \$8 a ton for apples that eventually sold in retail stores at about \$300 a ton. In New Jersey recently farmers got 50 cents a crate for lettuce (a crate holds 25 heads and over). The people in New York paid 37 cents a head!

The American people are being skinned by the horde of toll-takers between the farm and the retail outlet. If they are wise they will promote producer-to-consumer city markets and a network of co-op stores, wholesalers and processing establishments.

## WRECK THE WRECKERS!

Our reactionary Congress has been doing its level best to wreck the great Bonneville power project in the Northwest. Full-time employees are down from 1,393 to 851. Project extension is at a standstill. Despite the fact that Bonneville has paid back to the government, including interest, more than a fourth of the investment, the Congressional hatchmen cut appropriations from \$4,300,000 to \$2,500,000 for maintenance. The reason for this sabotage is quite obvious: The average residential rate for power from Bonneville is 1.7 cents a kilowatt-hour; for the nation as a whole it is 3.2 cents. Just another of the countless reasons we have for retiring a couple of hundred Congressional lickspittles of the Plunderbund in the 1948 elections!

## GOP "POINTS PROUDLY"

One of California's few progressive members of Congress, Helen Gahagan Douglas, really romped on the Republicans in a radio address. After reminding us of the GOP claim that abolition of the OPA would straighten out prices, she said:

"We came through four years of war with food prices up only 15 per cent, supporting 15 million in the armed forces and helping feed our allies, and Americans, as a whole, eating better than at any time in our history. Fifteen per cent in four years under price control, but AFTER PRICE CONTROLS WERE REMOVED, 35 PER CENT IN THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS!"

Now that your congressman is home, call him up and ask him if he is still proud of his action in making the housewives of this nation pay so much more for the family food. And while you're at it, tell him how many voters in your family are registered and what they are going to do to him in 1948!

## AMERICA: HOME OF THE VETO

There is much talk about abolishing the use of the veto in the U. N. A writer points out, however, that the veto is a typically American institution. Every President in our history has used it many times, and President Truman is no exception. Governors of our states use it. Use of the veto by the President or by a Governor often defeats a measure favored by a majority of the legislators elected by the people. If we are to abolish the veto in U. N. proceedings, why not be consistent and also take it away from our government executives?

## PEACE—IT'S WONDERFUL!

A recent North American Newspaper Alliance dispatch from Wright Field, Ohio, was as follows:

"Nearly 100 German scientists, spurred on by the hope of an ultimate revenge on Russia, are working untiringly at Wright and Patterson Army airfields. . . . 'I wish we had more of them,' said one Army officer at Wright. 'They're wonderful workers.'"

Perhaps this is part of the American program of promoting peace and understanding with the stubborn Russians.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## A RARE TREAT

One evening, after changing from her uniform into street dress, a nurse met one of the doctor's old patients on a crowded street corner. He passed her, did a "double take," then boomed in loud tones: "Why hello! I hardly knew you with your clothes on!"

## A PHILOSOPHER

The doctor's waiting room was full. Every chair was taken; some patients were even standing. There was a desultory conversation, but after a while a silence fell. The patients waited. Finally, an old man stood up wearily and remarked: "Well, I guess I'll go home and die a natural death."

## YOU FIGURE IT OUT

A psychologist was rather surprised to see a lady entering his office and leading a duck by a leash. "And what seems to be the matter with you?" he asked. "Oh, nothing is wrong with me," replied the lady. She pointed to the duck. "But my husband here keeps thinking he's a duck."

## ACCURATELY DIRECTED

A Fairview hospital patient received a letter the other day addressed to her in care of the "Ladies' Ready to Bear" department.

## DUBIOUS COMPLIMENT

HUSBAND: "I passed Jones in the street yesterday, and he refused to recognize me—thinks I am not his equal."

WIFE: "Equal, indeed! Of course you are. He is nothing, but a great, fat, conceited idiot."

## BRISK BUSINESS

SECRETARY: "I was dreaming last night that I died, and when I got to heaven, St. Peter gave me some chalk and ordered me to climb a long ladder, writing one of my sins on each rung."

BOOKKEEPER: "Well, go on!" SECRETARY: "Yes, I got up to rung No. 4,999 when somebody stepped on my fingers, so I yelled and looked up."

BOOKKEEPER: "Well, who was it?" SECRETARY: "The boss—coming down for more chalk."

## THAT SETTLED IT

Five-year-old Billy had not shown much interest in sex until his pet rabbit provided him with five unattractive little rabbits. Then he became curious.

Mother told him a beautiful story about "the seed"—how it was planted, was nourished, and finally burst forth a living being.

Several days later, Sammy, his bosom pal, burst into his mother's kitchen. "What's the idea of telling me the stork brings babies?" he exploded. "You can't fool me any longer. I know where we come from because Billy told me."

"What did Billy tell you, son?" "He knows all right because he came from a grapefruit!"

## NO INCENTIVE

Two convicts were splitting rocks, one handling the sledge hammer while his bald-headed helper slipped him new ones to crush. As the bald-headed one bent down to place a huge rock in position, the hammer came down with terrific force, just grazing his skull.

"You fool!" he yelled. "You want to kill me? Don't you know the difference between my head and a rock?"

## REAL CONSOLATION

"We are caught like rats in a trap," wails Bob Hope to Paulette Goddard. Then he cheers up. "But at least we're a boy rat and a girl rat."

## HOSPITALITY DELUXE

A panhandler stepped up to Henry Youngman and asked for 20 cents for a cup of coffee. "But coffee is only 10 cents," objected Henry.

"I know," was the polite retort, "but won't you join me?"

## WHYFURS OF IT

JASPER: "The skunk is a very useful animal. We get fur from him."

JOAN: "I'll say we do. We get as fur from him as possible."

## Brotherhoods Serve Demand for 30% Pay Boost on Railroads

CHICAGO.—A demand for a 30% wage increase was served on the nation's railroads by five operating railroad brotherhoods along with a warning that the carriers "do not realize the restlessness and the discontent" of their employees.

The unions, which will enter direct negotiations with the carriers this month, also asked for changes in 44 working rules and set \$3 as the minimum daily wage increase they would accept. They set Nov. 1 as the deadline for making effective the wage boosts which they said were desperately needed because of skyrocketing living costs.

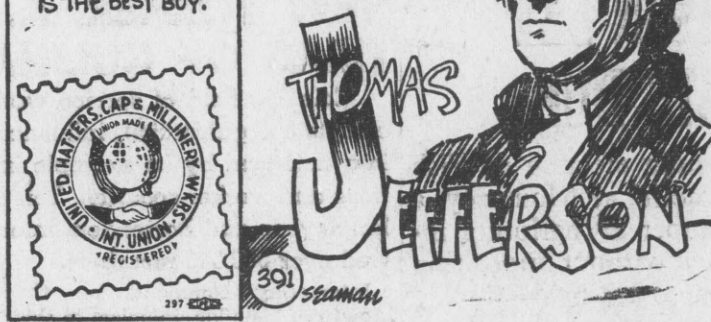
## THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE AMERICAN WORKER PRODUCED 2 TO 3% MORE IN HIS WEEK OF WORK IN MID-1947 THAN A YEAR PREVIOUS — YET HIS WEEK'S PAY ENVELOPE BOUGHT 4% LESS.

THE U.S. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT MEAT ANIMAL PRICES AVERAGED ABOUT 50% HIGHER DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1947 THAN UNDER PRICE CEILINGS OF A YEAR EARLIER.

THE TAX WHICH WILL BE PAID FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION IS NOT MORE THAN THE THOUSANDTH PART OF WHAT WILL BE PAID TO KINGS, PRIESTS, AND NOBLES WHO WILL RISE UP AMONG US IF WE LEAVE THE PEOPLE IN IGNORANCE!



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## THE GREAT ELECTOR, by Ferdinand Schevill. Published by The University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37. Price \$5.

Perhaps there are more important problems confronting the world today than that of understanding Germany and guiding her people into permanently peaceful pursuits, but I don't know what they are. Germany is still the No. 1 problem of this planet, and with Western and Eastern powers divided on the question of what to do with her, she can again some day be a major disturber. Nathan Strauss recently came home from a visit to Germany and reported that most Germans today have two outstanding desires: (1) to get enough to eat (2) to have the United States and Russia go to war so once again Germany can be the balance of power in Europe. The way things are going right now, it could happen, too!

"The Great Elector" is a work of immense scholarship by the Professor Ferdinand Schevill has made at the University of Chicago. Professor Ferdinand Schevill has made a special study of German history for a half century. This work is a detailed study of the rule and times of Frederick William the Great Elector, who is credited with having most to do with the unification of modern Germany. This able representative of the early Hohenzollerns succeeded in building scattered, autonomous, warring regiments into the beginnings of a modern state despite the opposition of such then strong surrounding powers as Sweden, France, Spain

and Austria. But with this unification came also the setting up of a militaristic Prussia dominated by the Junker aristocrats.

Here is a solid work that should be read by all who are serious students of international politics. The study of Frederick William's life and achievements reveals the beginning of the "balance of power" type of statesmanship that has characterized Europe since 1640 and which, unfortunately, plays far too big a part in diplomacy today. It wrecked the old League of Nations and threatens to wreck the United Nations. The preservation of modern civilization seems to depend on the outcome of a race between surviving "balance of power" nationalisms, and world government.

AL SESSIONS.

## Popular Whodunits

One of the best-known detectives in the fiction world is the rustic Cape Cod sleuth, Asey Mayo, made famous in the stories of Phoebe Atwood Taylor. Miss Taylor has rung the bell again in her latest Popular 25-cent reprint, "The Deadly Sunshine." Another Popular mystery release now on the stands is "The Black Shrouds" by Constance and Gwendyth Little. This story has a theatrical background in New York and races to a spine-tingling climax.—A. E.S.

## UNITY MUST BE ORGANIC, AFL VIEW

SAN FRANCISCO — Organic unity of U. S. labor within a single framework is the "first and primary requirement" to which "all other things are incidental," the AFL Executive Council reported to the 66th annual convention.

In a lengthy statement reviewing conferences with the CIO, the senior labor organization's Executive Council said its committee had "urged and appealed to the representatives of the CIO to abandon their attempt and purpose to work together in the legislative field while maintaining the division within the ranks of labor."

Taking the joint AFL-CIO statement unanimously adopted by the conferees last May 2, the Council said it could be in "no way susceptible of the interpretation placed upon it by the president of the CIO." It concluded that the declaration "can only be interpreted as meaning that the establishment of a solidified labor movement is a primary requirement to the development of cooperation and united action in the legislative, economic and industrial fields."

(The CIO position has been that the impact of anti-labor legislation made it necessary to unite against union-busters first and then seek organic unity.) Summing up, the Council said its committee and itself stood ready to meet with the CIO representatives "for the realization of this objective (organic unity), and added that "we cannot pretend to work together in the legislative field while engaged in fighting and raiding each other in another field. We believe the rank and file in both the AFL and CIO favor the establishment of organizational unity immediately, and the termination of strife, division, hatred and bitterness."

Every woman likes to be taken with a grain of assault.



"Well, son," announced Mr. Dilworth, beaming, "your father is a famous man."

"What'd you do, Pop? Sock a congressman?"

"Not from the 80th, son. No, what's happened is that I've been appointed chairman of a committee just set up by the Assn. for the Protection of the Law of Supply & Demand, Inc."

"Is that the committee to investigate whether workers need wages?" asked Little Luther.

"No, son, we brought in that report months ago. Completely unanimous, too."

"Against wages, of course?" "Of course. How else can we defeat inflation if we're going to let all that money circulate? But this is an even more important committee. We're going to investigate first-hand what's happening to this town's food supply."

"It's being eaten," said Little Luther. "At least that's the latest rumor reaching me from well-informed dining room tables."

"Don't jump to conclusions, my boy. We've got it from even better-informed circles that the food is going into garbage cans."

"I owe you an apology, Pop. I thought that was your natural stench and here you've been poking your nose into refuse cans."

"Rubbish! I mean, nonsense, son. WE'RE not doing that. All our committee is doing is investigating to see whether the situation warrants setting up ANOTHER committee to look into the garbage can crisis."

"Aren't you being a little hasty, Pop? How do you know your well-informed circles are well-informed? How do you even know they're circles? You don't want to get out on a limb on this thing, Pop?"

"Yes, but Luther, the law of supply and demand is in danger! People of little faith are saying they don't think prices will adjust themselves."

"Come now, Pop, what you're really worried about is that it's the people who aren't adjusting themselves. They think there's something phony about high prices."

"Yes, son, I know. We're thinking of setting up a committee to find out where that propaganda is coming from."

"You don't need a committee for that, Pop," said Little Luther. "All you have to do is to go over your own books with your accountant."

## Unionists Laud Co-ops As Way To Fight Trusts

LOS ANGELES — "Consumer cooperation presents a tested method for challenging the threat of monopoly to American free enterprise. . . . Agricultural cooperatives are intended to eliminate the speculator, whose gains come from the pockets of both the purchaser and the farmer."

With strong statements like these, Southern California labor and liberal spokesmen defended tax exemption privileges of American cooperatives before a three-man congressional subcommittee.

## SPEAKERS BACK CO-OPS

John Lonovan, representing Secretary W. J. Bassett of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council (AFL), told Missouri Republican Walter C. Ploeser, chairman of the House Small Business Committee, and his two colleagues, Wright Patman, Texas Democrat, and Walter Riehlman, New York Republican, that "the interests of the people of the United States will be served if this committee recommends to Congress that encouragement of the cooperative movement be renewed and expanded."

Twenty-one witnesses appeared before the subcommittee investigating Big Business charges that cooperatives weaken free enterprise.

Allan L. Sapiro, law partner of AFL union attorney Robert W. Gilbert, presented the full argument of Americans for Democratic Action, liberal political group, defending the "co-op" as "an integral part of our free enterprise system."

Farmers' cooperatives are made up of "small businessmen who have joined together to protect themselves with the result that they market their goods for a fair return and the wage-earner gets their products at a much lower cost," Sapiro said.

## Poor Substitute

The young vets are justifiably steamed up like the farmer, who was raving and ranting because an auto had just killed his pig. "Now, calm down, mister," said the motorist whose car had hit the animal. "I'll replace your pig."

"You can't!" shouted the farmer. "You're not fat enough!"

## Union Directory

## ATTENTION!

Union Directory will be run in the issue of the second week of each month unless lack of space prohibits. All changes, corrections and additions must be received at the newspaper office by the 1st of the month. Clip this directory for reference during the current month.

## MONTEREY

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. E. C. Carr, Sec. J. B. Carr, phone 6341.

BARBERS 928—Meets 1st Monday of month at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres. P. S. Mercurio, Carmel, Sec. H. Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 6187.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 9:30 p.m. Pres. J. B. Carr, Sec. J. B. Carr, phone 6341.

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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. Pres. W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 6187.

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ENGINEERS 122—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Salinas, Pres. Frank Brantley, Sec. N. J. Carman, phone 6222.

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LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. E. C. Carr, Sec. J. B. Carr, phone 6341.

LATHERS 483—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres. Roy R. Hill, Sec. J. B. Carr, phone 6341.

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NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2279—Meets on call at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. E. C. Carr, Sec. J. B. Carr, phone 6341.

PAINTERS 722—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres. Frank Davis, 611 Pearl St., phone 9757.

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POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. Pres. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 6222.

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## Council Backs Administration Foreign Policy

SAN FRANCISCO.—Vigorous approval of the AFL executive council was given to "the extent to which our government has abandoned a policy of appeasement and adopted a policy of plain speaking" toward the Soviet Union.

In an extended report on foreign policy, the council called for amendments to the United Nations charter to "eliminate the privilege of membership of any member in an agency, and the right of veto."

### FOREIGN POLICY STAND

The AFL council said "the time is past when the labor movement of any country can safely refrain from interesting itself in national foreign policy and maintaining positive standards by which that policy should be determined. . . . We are constantly made conscious of how national policies are related to foreign policies and how foreign policy impact on national policies."

Turning to the postwar period, the report said "we have been shocked by the disclosures of terms in secret agreements made by our representatives during the war—made as the condition of continued cooperation of the USSR in the war. The concessions made to the Soviet premier included, in effect, the gains he thought he could have secured by dropping out of the alliance with the fighting nations."

"But during the war," the report went on, "and this postwar period the USSR has continued to promote its own objectives even when counter to the purposes of the UN to which all were committed. Each concession which the Allies have granted has been an active instrumentality in Communist aggression. More than two years have passed since hostilities ceased and yet fighting continues in Asia due to Soviet plans to dominate more Chinese territory, and European conquered countries are prevented from making plans for recovery."

The AFL council called for full public support of American foreign policy saying it is effective "only as we support it by public opinion and by power to enforce."

## Chinese Balking At Conscription

HONG KONG.—The Kuomintang government is having a tough time conscripting enough soldiers to make up for the loss of 1 1/4 million men in 14 months of civil war. In Kweichow province, prisoners are being paroled for military service. "Buying out" of the army has become so common that there are now fixed market rates. The most common method among soldiers who can afford it is to buy someone to take their place in the army. The cost of such a volunteer in Nanking is about \$50 in U. S. currency. In Shanghai it is over \$100.

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Members are reminded that the next meeting of Local 890 in Salinas will be held Thursday, November 6, at 8 p.m. at 422 N. Main St. Meetings hereafter will be held the first Thursday of each month.

### VOLUNTARY DISABILITY INSURANCE

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On December 1, 1946, benefits under the new California State Unemployment Disability Insurance Act became effective.

This law provides a weekly benefit to employees during time lost from work due to non-occupational injury or sickness. The one per cent deduction from wages of employees (up to \$3,000 per year) which was previously paid into the State Unemployment Insurance Fund is now being used to provide the new benefits.

Under the law, employees may elect to be covered under the State plan, or they may elect to be covered under a voluntary plan underwritten by an insurance company. In order to qualify, a voluntary plan must be approved by the State, and furthermore, IT MUST PROVIDE GREATER BENEFITS than are provided by the State.

Following is a comparison of benefits under the Voluntary Plan of insurance now being offered to all employees, to be underwritten by Federal Life Insurance Company.

### COMPARISON OF BENEFITS UNDER VOLUNTARY PLAN WITH BENEFITS PROVIDED BY STATE DISABILITY FUND

Voluntary Plan	State Plan
Amount of Weekly Benefits	\$25.00 per week to all employees or 70 per cent of earnings, if less.
Maximum Benefits (Aggregate)	\$163.00 to \$200.00 per week based on earnings during highest quarter of previous year.
Maximum Weeks of Benefits	\$163.00 to \$468.00 for any one benefit year based on total earnings during previous year.
Waiting Periods	9 to 23.4 weeks maximum benefits for all disabilities during any one benefit year, based on total earnings during previous year.

Benefits are paid starting with the EIGHTH DAY of disability due to sickness or non-occupational accidents. One-seventh of the weekly benefit is paid for each day of disability.

### Other Provisions

Benefits will be paid IN ADDITION to:

(1) Salary or SICK LEAVE benefit paid by any employer, or

(2) Insurance benefits the employee may be entitled to receive under any other insurance policies.

An employee may NOT draw State Fund benefits if he is receiving:

(1) Unemployment insurance benefits.

(2) Salary or sick leave benefits equal to or exceeding his disability award.

If an employee draws both disability and unemployment insurance during the same year, he is limited to 150 per cent of one award if he qualifies for both benefits.

The Voluntary Plan contains other advantages over the State Plan, but those listed above are the most important. State law requires each employee to be insured under either the State plan or under an approved voluntary plan. Each employee insured under the Voluntary Plan will always receive at least the same weekly rate and maximum amount of benefits which he would have received from the State disability fund. An employee insured under a Voluntary Plan has the same right of appeal to the State under a disputed claim as if insured with the State. Cost is the same under each plan. Regardless of which plan an employee is insured under, there will be no increase in the present one per cent payroll deduction.

### OTHER IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF BOTH PLANS

**Occupational Injuries**—Benefits are not paid for any period of disability due to occupational injury.

**Pregnancy**—No benefits shall be paid for any disability caused by or arising in connection with pregnancy, up to the termination of such pregnancy and for a period of five weeks thereafter.

**Benefits After Termination of Employment**—In event of a period of disability commencing after termination of employment or during lay-off or leave of absence without pay, the benefits paid to an employee insured under the voluntary plan will be exactly the same as benefits provided by the State Plan.

Enrollment lists for the Voluntary Plan will be circulated. Employees who do not sign the enrollment list will continue to be insured under the State Plan. An employee may withdraw from the Voluntary Plan and become insured under the State Plan at the start of any calendar quarter of a year. New employees hired after the Voluntary Plan is in effect will be eligible to join the plan at the time of employment.

## CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, October 6, 1947, was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of eight delegates from five locals. Regular officers present were President McCutcheon and Secretary-Treasurer Edwards.

Credentials were presented for Mrs. Margaret Moreau as a delegate from the Teachers and for Bros. S. J. DuBose and E. E. Winters as delegates from the Typographical Union. It was moved, seconded and passed that they be seated. They were then given the obligation by the president.

Mrs. Katherine Corbet was present and was introduced to the Council. She spoke briefly on the necessity for political action, emphasizing the need of electing a congressman who will represent organized labor and the common people rather than the vested interests. She pointed out that our present representative had voted against organized labor on about every issue that had come up, and in addition had taken an active part on these measures.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Various items of correspondence were presented and considered. It was moved, seconded, and passed to pay the secretary's bill for \$10 for stationery and stamps.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that Secretary Edwards be sent to the State Conference meeting in Fresno, November 8, to consider ways and means for redistricting the California State Senate.

The Cannery Workers reported another disastrous season. The canneries are getting ready to haul fish by boat and truck from southern California. They are to have

election of officers on October 29. Their secretary is a registrar of voters. It was suggested that every local have a registrar of voters so all workers could more easily register for the elections ahead. They have admitted 450 new members since the start of this season.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting and the initiation of four new members. They have given certificates to a number of apprentices.

The Typographical Union reported that their delegates had attended their State convention. Several of their International officers were present. The need for political action was emphasized at this convention. The example of Oakland was cited. In 1946 the unions were active and elected four out of five labor-backed candidates for the City Council.

The Bartenders reported good progress being made in getting new members. Their campaign is to go on for 60 days.

It was announced that the Bartenders Hall must be vacated. New quarters are being sought. Announcement will be made as soon as possible.

It was announced that the San Carlos Cab Co. provides the only 100 per cent union taxi service in Monterey.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### Simply Over Dew

DORA: "Why are small birds always melancholy in the morning?"  
CORA: "I dunno. Why are they?"  
DORA: "Because their little bills are all over dew!"

## Revamped NLRB Stops Foremen Union Demands

WASHINGTON.—The first NLRB decision since the Taft-Hartley act became effective denied a union the right to represent its members.

Quickly following up a U. S. Court of Appeals decision on the same subject matter, the NLRB unanimously dismissed a refusal to bargain complaint filed by the Foreman's Assn. (unaffiliated) against Westinghouse Electric Corp. of East Springfield, Mass., on behalf of 150 workers.

The appeals court decision said the new labor law specifically denied collective bargaining rights to supervisory employees and set aside an NLRB order requiring a Los Angeles manufacturer to bargain with the Foreman's Assn.

For its own part, the NLRB held that the new law directed that "supervisory employees are . . . outside the coverage of the act. We are therefore of the opinion, without considering the merits of the case, that it would not effectuate the policies of the act, as amended, to require the respondent (Westinghouse) to take any remedial action in this case, which involves nothing except the refusal to bargain. Accordingly, we shall dismiss the complaint."

## Foreign Born Groups Demand Radio Rights

NEW YORK.—Attempts by station WJBK in Detroit to cut out more than 10 foreign language programs were protested by the American Committee for Foreign Born in a letter to the Federal Communications Commission.

The FCC was asked to investigate this new policy as "discriminatory and in violation of the principle that radio stations should serve as a cultural and democratic influence in the community." The programs now being dropped were broadcast in Hungarian, Italian, Croatian, Slovak, Serbian, Greek, Polish, Ukrainian and Russian.


## Legs Made To Be Seen Say English Lassies


LONDON.—The "little below the knee" club won some adherents across the Atlantic as a conference of women trade unionists here voted overwhelmingly against longer skirts. Speakers at the party stressed that textiles must be conserved during the present shortages. Dame Anne Loughlin, a former president of the Trades Union Congress, put the question bluntly: "What were legs given us for? To cover up?"

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## Canadian Catholics Ask Positive Plans To Assist Workers

MONTREAL.—Le Front Ouvrier, official organ of the 70,000-strong Catholic Syndicates of Canada, urged editorially that "anti-communism" be replaced by a "positive" fight for the needs and welfare of French-Canadian workers in cooperation with the rest of the labor movement. "The time of the 'antis' is passed," the editorial asserted.

While taking issue with the Communists who, it says, "work to overthrow the capitalist system," the newspaper launched a sharp attack against "the politicians, the capitalists and the economists of the liberal school" who resist attempts "to transform this society so that it will respond to the needs and welfare of men."

## In Hungary: More You Make, More You Pay

BUDAPEST.—Price control is being maintained in Hungary, but under a decision of the Economic Council, there will be two sets of prices depending on consumers' incomes. Higher production costs are forcing prices up, but workers will not have to pay the increases. Those in high income brackets will have to do the shelling out.

## AFL Unions Put Over Million To Battle T.H.

SAN FRANCISCO.—AFL national and international unions contributed \$1,020,451 to its fund to fight the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bill and other legislation harmful to the cause of U. S. workers, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany told the 66th annual convention here.

For the year beginning September 1, 1946 and ending August 31, 1947, the AFL had total receipts of \$3,847,742 with a balance on hand of \$1,742,077 to give a grand total of \$5,589,819.

Total expenses for the year, he said, were \$5,125,237 and the AFL had a balance August 31 of this year of \$464,582.

During the 12-month period the AFL spent \$1,979,436 for organizing purposes, with \$1,163,316 of the total expended in the formation and assistance of newly created locals of national and international unions and in activities on behalf of state federations and city central bodies.

Special expenses for the drive against anti-labor legislation cost the Federation \$850,631, with \$735,756 of this going into newspaper advertisements and radio time.

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The regular membership meeting, held October 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the union hall, was poorly attended, as most of the night meetings seem to be. The Executive Board now is considering the possibility of having only day meetings in the future. Also, this is the last meeting scheduled for the union hall at 315 Alvarado St. The eviction notice will become effective prior to the next meeting date, so the time and place for the next meeting will be published in the Labor News, and each member will be advised by post card as well.

The \$2.00 per member assessment for the California State Federation of Labor political action fund, which was voted and approved by the last day meeting, September 15, was again discussed and approved by the night meeting. The collections are now being made, both in the office and by the business agent in the field, so stand by for an extra \$2.00 rap sometime in the immediate future! The funds will be used by the State Federation's Legislative Committee to combat anti-labor legislation and to lobby for reappointment of the California State Senate.

There was quite a bit of discussion concerning the establishment of a Welfare Fund by our local, to be used exclusively to help members who became sick or disabled. A number of fine suggestions were put forth, and the matter will be gone into at greater length at the next Executive Board meeting and brought up again at regular membership meetings. There is definite need for such a fund, now we must decide upon the most appropriate manner of establishing and regulating a Welfare Fund for our membership.

Our International President, Bro. Hugo Ernst, and our International Secretary-Treasurer, Ed S. Miller, in company with C. T. McDonough, international organizer, will have been here and gone by the time this column is published. The visitors are scheduled to have a dinner at the Casa Munras Hotel in Monterey, where they will be the guests of all locals of the Monterey Peninsula. Doubtless, the international officers will have plenty of information to pass on to the local officers, which will be brought to the attention of the membership, both at regular meetings and through the medium of this column.

I have been gratified with the cooperation shown me by both members and owners when I visit a Union House in the capacity of

business agent. Generally speaking, the visits are pleasant, and usually bring forth some interesting questions, some of which I can answer, and some I cannot! I have noticed though that many of our members are very lax about wearing of the Union Button.

We try to keep an adequate supply of buttons available in the office, and when I'm in the field as business agent, there are usually some buttons in my pocket, ready to get your button, and WEAR IT ON THE JOB. Let there be no question in the customer's mind about whether you are a union or non-union bartender, waitress or cook. The button on your jacket or blouse will speak for itself.

Many members have inquired about the lack of social activity in our local in the past few weeks. And, after checking up, I find that the last Local 483 dance was held in 1942!!! Five years is a long time between dances, so we'll have to do something about it. A dance is now being planned for Monday evening, November 10 (1947, that is!) at the El Dorado Room of the San Carlos Hotel. Mr. Peter Watson, manager of the hotel, will furnish the orchestra and the room at no charge to the local.

The bar will be operated by the local and the proceeds from the sale of tickets will, according to tentative plans which must be approved by the membership, be used to start our proposed Welfare Fund. The dance committee, as named by President Rose, consists of Lucille McNally, Crystal Ross, Pearl Robinson, Joe Kirby and George Rice. So when one of the committee members visits you at your job and leaves a batch of tickets with you, do your best to get them all sold. Remember, you may be the next sick member in need of assistance, and that Welfare Fund would then look mighty

## Garbage Bucket Probe Discovers Minimum Waste

WASHINGTON — The lowered level of the garbage bucket and not the full dinner pail is the key to how the cost of living is striking this capital.

Figures showed that the per capita garbage collection here has been steadily dropping as inflation ate into family incomes. In 1941, the garbage collection stood at 168 pounds per person, but as the war wore on and people scraped their platters clean, it dropped to 141 pounds in 1943, was at 134 in 1946 and in 1947 reached a low of 129 pounds.

City Refuse Supervisor William Xanton said that though the figures include uneaten bits of steak, bread, corn cobs and coffee grounds — you can take his word that "meat scraps have practically disappeared from garbage today," while vegetable waste has dropped materially and the bulk collected now consists of citrus rinds, carrot and beet tops and other greens most folks won't eat.

## Representatives of Europe's Unionists Deny They're Loafers

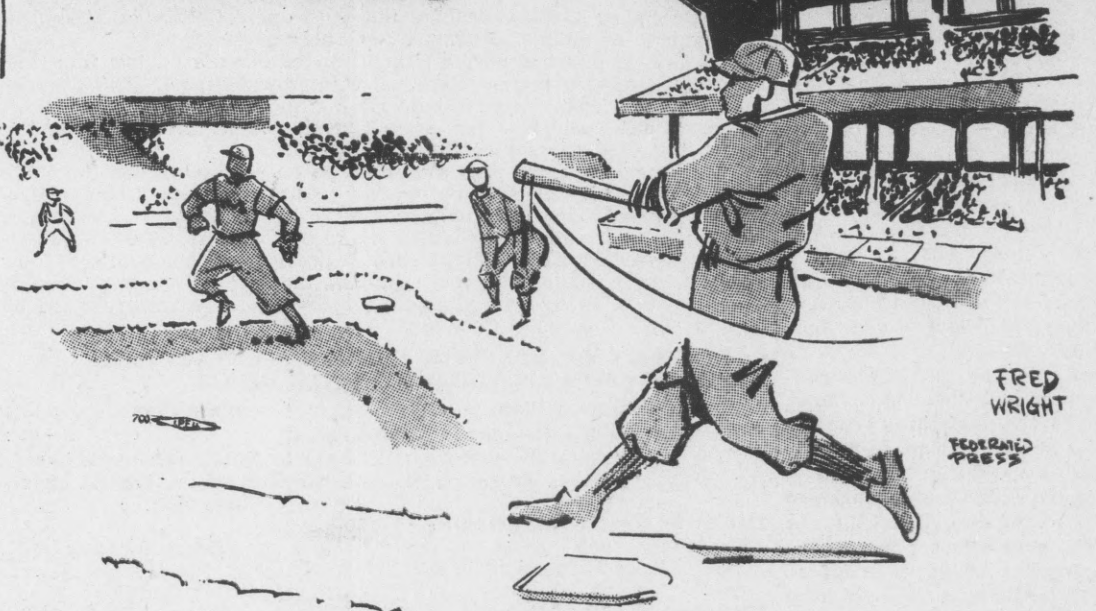
CHICAGO — European transport union leaders, touring the nation as guests of the Railway Labor Executives Assn., charged here that the American public has been given a false impression that European workers are loafers.

The leaders, representing unions in Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, said they were annoyed by statements in the U. S. press that Europe could solve its problems easily if its people would "get back to work."

Pres. Percy Morris of the British Railway Clerks Assn. pointed out that coal production had risen during the first 26 weeks of 1947 and that the electrical industry's output had soared 33%. "We are on our toes," he added.

attractive, wouldn't it?

The employment picture has changed considerably during the past couple of weeks, and new jobs are coming in much more slowly. However, the union does receive some calls for employees which cannot be filled, so all members who are not regularly employed are urged to register at the office. Our contracts all specify "Union Hiring Hall," so now let's all do our best to make it work. Please remember, this union is only as strong as all of us members, working together, choose to make it. How about all of us really getting interested in our own welfare, and working together solidly?

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By JACK ABBOTT

The non-communist affidavits required by the Taft-Hartley act have monopolized the headlines because Robert N. Denham, general counsel for the NLRB, insisted that top officers of CIO and AFL sign them. However, the CIO refused to sign and then John L. Lewis followed suit in the AFL, backed up, it is said, by Pres. William L. Hutchison of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. The result is that the NLRB is now the haven for company unions, employers and stooges.

Too much emphasis on the non-communist affidavits has served to distract attention from the vicious job that Denham is attempting to do on legitimate unions, who have not yet, in some instances, begun to comprehend what the new NLRB has in store for them.

In one week the NLRB general counsel made news three times: he asked for an injunction against some union carpenters in Chattanooga who refused to work with scab floor layers; he issued a complaint against the International Typographical Union (AFL) in Baltimore for alleged refusal to bargain; and finally, Denham made a speech before the annual conference of the American Bar Association, an ultra-conservative lawyers' outfit.

The Carpenters case, it is understood in Washington, is the first of a series of crackdowns on the building trades unions, who will be served with injunctions wherever they refuse to work with non-union material or non-union craftsmen.

The printing trade bosses have apparently obtained Denham's support in their attempt to break the grip of the ITU on the industry. Their theory may be that if every local is forced to defend itself in court, the union treasury would be exhausted. The ITU would then be unable to put up a fight for its rights when the inevitable depression arrives and unemployment hits the industry. Win or lose, the Baltimore case is probably the first of a whole series of cases to be filed with the NLRB against the printers.

Denham's speech before the American Bar Association indicated what direction his interpretation of the law will take.

**CHARGES INACCURACY**  
Denham was formerly a trial examiner with the NLRB, working under the supervision of Chief Trial Examiner Frank Bloom. Bloom resigned from the NLRB shortly before the Taft-Hartley Act became law, and is now general counsel for the Western Union division of the Commercial Telegraphers Union (AFL). Bloom worked with Denham for several years and knows him thoroughly. Recently Bloom, in a letter to the Washington Post, commented

on Denham's speech to the Bar Association, saying it contained "several statements so appallingly inaccurate that . . . public attention should be directed to them."

GOLD IN THEM  
HARTLEY TALKS

The Scripps-Howard papers carried a remarkable story the other day. It bore the intriguing headline: "Make a Law. Then Explain for a Fee."

It revealed that the champions of the Taft-Hartley anti-labor act have "struck pay dirt" and are making a "gold mine" out of speeches to employer associations on what their law means. So far, the Scripps-Howard statement has not been challenged.

As an example, the paper cited a two-day seminar on the act scheduled by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, at which Hartley is to be the "paid speaker."

Senator "Little Joe" Ball of Minnesota, one of the chief crusaders for the anti-labor legislation, is also bartending "explaining" the law.

In fact, the Scripps-Howard story disclosed that he has so many engagements he was unable to fill a Cleveland speaking date. "Ball offered it to another GOP colleague and told him the fee was \$1,000," the article declared.

Thus, Ball Hartley and other members of Congress are adding to their \$15,000 salaries and to their bank accounts by "clarifying" a law they themselves helped to frame.

Ball has always been thrifty, and now, in addition to his \$15,000 salary, he has his wife on the payroll as his secretary at over \$5,000 a year.

Thus, between them they're drawing over \$20,000 a year in pay, plus mileage and other perquisites, plus a golden round of lecture fees that might even exceed the salary income.

As one ribald observer in Congress remarked: "Nice work if you can get it."

AFL Heads Say  
Industrial Type  
Of Union Need  
For Organizing

SAN FRANCISCO — New stress on industrial unionism as a means of organizing workers into the AFL was recommended in the report of the executive council to the 66th annual convention here.

With total membership at a record peak of 7,577,716 for 1947 on the basis of per capita payments, the AFL council urged that all crafts engaged in an organizing drive should "set up a joint council with a director chosen by either the AFL or the international unions. The director should be in complete charge and receive the full support of all unions involved."

"When a campaign is successful," the report went on, "a special negotiating committee should be selected to complete a joint master contract covering all crafts and unions and including the wages and working conditions of all unions involved."

**CITE SIMILAR DRIVES**  
The report recalled that similar industrial union drives had been successful in the building and metal trades as well as in the railroad organizations and that the plan had been recommended by a previous convention.

"We believe that joint action is the answer to the problem of defeating dual industrial unionism and will strengthen the position and protect every union in the relationship with employers. It is vitally necessary more than ever before, because of anti-labor legislation, that we expend all our efforts to organize all workers with a minimum of friction, under the AFL," the council reported.

The AFL's southern organizing campaign has added 425,000 new members to its various affiliates, with approximately 70,000 newcomers in the past six weeks. The council said it expected the total gain in 14 southern states to reach 500,000.

**RESULTS IN SOUTH**  
In the first year of the southern drive, from June, 1946, to July 31, 1947, the AFL has issued 1,300 new charters and won 1,364 NLRB elections while losing an estimated 360.

The report charged that "throughout the southern campaign a great deal of our energy has of necessity been expended in protecting our existing local unions from raids by the CIO's organization campaign invasion. The CIO southern campaign was a complete failure in textiles and lumber."

"The first of this year they realized the failure of their invasion tactics and completely revised their strategy and throughout 1947 have concentrated their activities, in a large measure, to raiding our local unions."

## Modern Progress

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ELMORE PHILPOTT, in his syndicated column.